

Social News and Gossip of the Day.

Cabinet Notes.

George B. Cortelyou, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, accompanied by Mrs. Cortelyou, passed through Buffalo yesterday on their way to Niagara Falls. The Secretary purposes visiting Montreal and Quebec before going to Halifax, from which point he will return home by boat.

Diplomatic Notes.

Mr. Mun-yew Chung, former secretary-Interpreter of the Chinese legation, has arrived in Madrid, and assumed the duties of charge d'affaires of the Chinese legation there.

Weddings—Engagements.

E. F. Droop has issued invitations for the marriage of his daughter, Miss Bertha Droop, to Arthur Lederkus, at All Souls' Church, on October 8, at 4:30 p. m. The ceremony will be followed by a reception at Rauscher's. Mr. and Mrs. Lederkus will make their home in Cologne, Germany.

Miss Elizabeth E. Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Cole, of 1815 K street northwest, and M. J. White, of Salem, Mass., were married Sunday, September

20, at St. Paul's Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Alfred Harding, rector of the church. The wedding, a quiet one, was attended by relatives only.

The engagement is announced of Miss Edith Creamer, of Columbus, Ohio, to Warren Thomas, of Johnston, Pa., the wedding to take place in October. Miss Creamer is well known in Washington musical circles.

Announcement is made of the marriage of William H. Duval, of this city, and Miss Marie S. Schulke, of Leesburg, Va., on August 30 last. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John H. S. Fwell, pastor of the M. P. Church, Alexandria, Va.

Chit-Chat.

Capt. Charles W. Fenton, of the Thirtieth Cavalry, U. S. A., who has been stationed in the Philippines for two years past, has been detailed to duty under the Paymaster General in the War Department. Mrs. Fenton will be remembered as Miss Alice Rochester, daughter of Gen. and Mrs. William B. Rochester, of Eighteenth Street, and a niece of Mrs. Bradley Martin.

Mrs. Hobart and her son, Garret A. Hobart, who have been spending the summer in New Hampshire, have gone to

Paterson, N. J. Mrs. Hobart is expected here for part of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hale, of Baltimore, have taken the house formerly occupied by Mrs. C. P. Patterson, 1333 Eighteenth Street, for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bayly have returned to their home in N. Street.

Miss Nellie Palmer, daughter of Representative Palmer, who has spent several years abroad studying music, has gone to England, where she is visiting friends.

Miss Pansy Bloomer, who has spent the greater part of the summer at Atlantic City, where she was the guest of the family of Rear Admiral Grier, U. S. N., returned to the city last week.

Mrs. Tyree R. Rivers, wife of Captain Rivers, Third Cavalry, is the guest of Mrs. Louis T. Morris, of 2115 O Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Getz have returned from their Northern trip and will be at home to their friends after September 23 at 335 Eighth Street northeast.

Miss Alice Burdette and Miss Mary Willis have left Syracuse, N. Y., and gone to Atlantic City, where they are the guests of Miss Willis' uncle, former Governor Kellogg of Louisiana.

Sir Thomas Lipton is recovering steadily from his recent illness that his

physicians think that he will be able to leave Chicago by the end of the week en route to London.

Among those who sail today on the Kaiser Wilhelm II for Bremen are Lady Charles Beresford and George von L. Meyer.

Senator Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, who has been seriously ill in Denver for the last ten days, is much improved, though he is still confined to his bed. He is now at the home of his sister, Mrs. William Lennox, in Colorado Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kehoe and family, who have been spending the summer in their cottage, Atlantic City, have returned to their home, 1620 Eighteenth Street.

Dr. Samuel H. Greene, Jr., has returned home.

Senator and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew are expected at Elm Court on Thursday, where they will remain until the first of next week.

Mrs. George Westinghouse held her usual Monday reception at Brinkley Park yesterday afternoon. More than fifty of the cottagers and guests attended. Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Phillips, of London, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Westinghouse, will leave there today.

BISHOP S. M. MERRILL'S RETIREMENT EXPECTED

Has Been in Methodist Ministry Over Fifty Years.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Stephen M. Merrill, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will probably be relieved from active work at the coming Los Angeles general conference, according to reports in church circles. The bishop is said to have told his friends that he had no desire to continue in the work as an active officer of the church, and it is thought he will ask to be classed as an advisory bishop in the report of the Episcopal committee to the general conference.

Dispatches from Milwaukee last night said that Bishop Merrill told the German Methodist conference yesterday of his intention to resign. When he was asked about this report at the Hotel Newberry, on his return to Chicago, the bishop said his remarks had been misunderstood.

Bishop Merrill was seventy-eight years old last Wednesday, and has been in the Methodist ministry for more than half a century. He is a native of Jefferson, Ohio, received his appointment as a Methodist preacher from the Ohio conference in 1846, and was made a bishop in 1872. As a writer of books on religious subjects he is well known. It is said that he wishes more time for literary work, and will probably devote himself entirely to this field after the next general conference.

MAY DIVORCE WIVES WHO DO CHURCH WORK

Indianapolis Society Will Now Do Factory Work.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 22.—Half a hundred of the leading society women of Kokomo have announced their intention of seeking employment at once in the tomato canning factories in the city for the purpose of contributing the wages thus obtained to the Markland Avenue Methodist Church mortgage.

The announcement was no sooner made than the husbands of the women interested in the movement held a mass meeting and ended by declaring that their wives should not peel tomatoes in any factory. The women determined to follow out their original plan, which the Rev. Mr. Williams, the pastor of the church, also favors.

He has been notified that the action that he advises, if followed by the women whose husbands are unwilling to permit them to enter the factories, will lead to divorce suits. The husbands insist that it would be uncharitable for their wives, who have every luxury they can desire, to take work away from needy girls and women whose livelihood depends upon their employment in the factories.

The women in charge of the movement are Mrs. Florence Tate, Mrs. Crowner, Mrs. Laura Albright, and Mrs. Maggie Hines.

SAYS "400'S" WOMEN DRINK TOO MUCH WINE

Bronson Howard Talks on Stories of Excesses.

THEIR ACTS ARE NOTORIOUS

Famous Playwright Calls Them "Fast Set"—Ignored by Genteel Element.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Sept. 22.—From Bronson Howard, the playwright, who is staying here, the women of New York's "400" come in for unmitigated criticism, because, as Mr. Howard says, they drink too much.

Mr. Howard was asked by a reporter if it were true that the liquor habit was making slaves of the women of New York. To that the dramatist replied in the negative. He denied the truth of the stories that float westward to the effect that Eastern women are excessive drinkers. He added:

"The facts upon which the stories are founded are those: The social set of New York, known over the world as the '400,' is an extremely fast set.

"The members of it drink much wine, and daily we hear stories in New York of some woman who is a recognized member of this set having become intoxicated at some one of the many dinners or functions given under its auspices, making herself ridiculous or committing some act that afterward became notorious while under the influence of wine.

"They are not all true, but I believe, in speaking of that certain class, it might truthfully be said that the drink habit is increasing.

"By their fast living the members of the '400,' and particularly woman members, have divorced themselves from New York society, and have been ignored by the more genteel, refined and temperate element.

"So it is all over the country. Any person, it makes no difference how exalted her social position may be, who undertakes the pursuit of pleasure by becoming immoderate and intemperate in the use of liquor or by fast conduct, is soon divorced by her former associates."

SILVER RISING IN PRICE PRESENTS KNOTTY PROBLEM

Philippine Peso Soon Profitable for Export as Bullion.

Silver prices are approaching more nearly than ever to the point where the bullion value of the Philippine peso will equal its face value. Yesterday afternoon the Bureau of the Mint at the Treasury Department received offers of 235,000 ounces of silver for Philippine coinage for delivery at San Francisco at 23.80 cents per ounce. This is higher than has yet been paid, and after a conference between Treasury officials and the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department, all offers were rejected.

At yesterday's rate of exchange, the London price for silver was 50.70 per ounce. The bullion value of silver will be equal to the face value of the coin if the price goes to 64.1. Already there has been an advance of 10 cents since the purchase for Philippine coinage began, and it begins to seem probable that figures will go to a point which will make it profitable to export the pesos from the islands as bullion.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.

Movements of vessels were reported to the Navy Department as follows: Arrived—Wampatuck, at Cavite. Sailed—Alliance, from New London for Boston; Hartford, from Newport for League Island; Essex, from New London for Portsmouth, N. H.

LIEUT. JOHN V. GREEN DEAD.

A dispatch was received at the War Department this morning announcing the death of First Lieut. John V. Green, Artillery Corps, at Fort Bayard, N. M., on September 20. Pulmonary tuberculosis was the cause of death.

RIFLE RANGE FOR CAVALRYMEN.

The Minnie farm, near Leesburg, Va., has been leased for the use of the cavalrymen at Fort Meyer, who will have target practice there from September 26 until October 31.

ARTILLERY OFFICERS RELIEVED FROM STUDY

Others Assigned to School of Submarine Defense.

The following officers of the Artillery Corps have been relieved from duty as student officers at the School of Submarine Defense, Fort Totten, N. Y.: Capt. John T. Martin, Capt. Sidney S. Jordan, Capt. Henry D. Todd, Capt. Thomas W. Winston, Capt. William C. Davis, Capt. LeRoy S. Lyon, Capt. Tiemann N. Horn, Capt. Samuel A. Kephart, Capt. William M. Cruikshank.

Officers who have been ordered to attend the School of Submarine Defense at Fort Totten, N. Y., are: Capt. George F. Barney, Fifthteenth Company; Capt. Wilmot E. Ellis, Nineteenth Company; Capt. Frank G. Mauldin, Nineteenth Company; Capt. Daniel W. Ketcham, Eighty-fourth Company; Capt. Rogers F. Gardner, 102d Company; Capt. Joseph L. Knowlton, Sixteenth Company; Capt. Harry F. Jackson, 107th Company; Capt. Lloyd England, 105th Company; Capt. Percy M. Kessler, Twenty-sixth Company; Capt. George T. Patterson, Eighty-eighth Company. The travel allowance is necessary for the public service.

Transfers in the Artillery Corps have been made as follows: Capt. John T. Martin, from unassigned list to Forty-eighth Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. Henry D. Todd, from unassigned list to Ninety-seventh Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. Thomas W. Winston, from unassigned list to Twelfth Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. William C. Davis, from unassigned list to Forty-ninth Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. LeRoy S. Lyon, from 116th Company, Coast Artillery, to unassigned list; Capt. Tiemann N. Horn, from unassigned list to Fifth Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. Samuel A. Kephart, from Forty-fifth Company to Seventy-seventh Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. Benjamin M. Koehler, from Ninety-second Company, Coast Artillery, to unassigned list; Capt. Ernest D. Scott, from Thirtieth Company, to Eighty Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. Bertram C. Gilbert, from Eighty Company to Eighty-fourth Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. Albert J. Bowley, from unassigned list to Ninth Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. William S. Guillard, from unassigned list to 102d Company, Coast Artillery; First Lieut. John V. Green, from Twenty-first Company to 107th Company, Coast Artillery; First Lieut. Alfred M. Mason, from 107th Company, to Twenty-sixth Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. John E. Stephens, from Forty-ninth Company to 107th Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. William C. Rafferty, from Twelfth Company to Eighty-eighth Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. Alfred M. Hunter, from Eighty-sixth Company to Sixteenth Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. Otto W. B. Farr, from Seventy-seventh Company to Nineteenth Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. William P. Hase, from unassigned list to Seventh Company, Coast Artillery; Capt. Roderick L. Carmichael, from Fifty-sixth Company to Eighty-sixth Company, Coast Artillery.

GIRL GOES 3,000 MILES TO MARRY

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Elizabeth Moore, a prominent young woman of Stapleton, has departed for Seattle, where she will marry James Daniels. Her fiancé was formerly a resident of Stapleton. He is now connected with the Puget Sound Steamship Company, of which his uncle is a director.

He met Miss Moore while on a visit a year ago, and before he returned he secured her promise to wed.

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HISTORIC RENDEZVOUS OF LONDON MOTORISTS

Devotees of Automobile Often Meet at Old Residence of Horace Walpole.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Scarcely a stone's throw from Pope's Villa, at the corner of the upper road leading to Teddington, stands Strawberry Hill, once the celebrated residence of Horace Walpole—afterward Earl of Orford—and now of Herbert de Stern, a son of the late Baron de Stern.

Strawberry Hill is often the rendezvous of the most enthusiastic devotees of the automobile in London society, its owner being a devoted admirer of the horseless carriage.

From an architectural point of view Strawberry Hill has been more or less criticised, as Walpole, who was his own architect, obtained the designs for different parts of the building from various quarters of the globe. For instance, the embellished wall by the roadside, which is a copy of a print in Aston House, Warwickshire, while portions of tombs of bishops and princes in various cathedrals were made to do duty in the component parts of fireplaces, doorways, and windows.

Originally Lodging House. Dipping back into bygone times, it is on record that the house stood on a piece of ground which was called "Strawberry Hill Shot." The house was originally only a small tenement, built toward the end of the seventeenth century by the Earl of Bradford's coachman, and let as a lodging house.

At the time Walpole became possessed of the property it consisted of the cottage and five acres of ground, which was subsequently extended by the purchase of outlying lands. He conceived the idea of enlarging his new home, and adopted the Gothic style. The "castle," as he then called it, was not entirely built at once, but gradually grew as additions were made to the old small house.

The library and great parlor were built in 1743; the gallery round tower, great cloister and cabinet in 1760 and 1761; the great north bedchamber in 1770. In 1775 he built the Beaulieu Tower and hexagon closet on purpose to receive seven drawings by Lady Diana Beauclerk, in illustration of his tragedy of "The Mysterious Mother."

Walpole bequeathed Strawberry Hill in the first instance to his cousin, Marshal Conway, and to the Countess of Alesbury, and afterward to their daughter.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS TO BUSY HOUSEKEEPERS

MENUS FOR TOMORROW.

BREAKFAST. Apples and Grapes. Cereal. Pork and Beans. Baked Potatoes. Rolls. Coffee.

LUNCHEON. Duck Hash. Stuffed Tomatoes. Creamed Potatoes. Peaches and Cream. Cake.

DINNER. Tomato Bisque. Squabs. Boiled Onions. Mashed Potatoes. Succotash. Tomato Salad. Apple Dumplings. Coffee.

SEASONABLE FOOD SUPPLIES ON MARKET BENCHES.

Prices were high all along the line in the market today. The mere fact that one line of the food supply is high seems to affect all the others. In the meat market lamb was scarcer than ever, and beef and veal, while abundant to meet the demand, remained the same.

Tomatoes were again 13 cents a quarter of a peck. Other vegetables showed little change. Good winter squash are to be had, and the celery and cranberries remind one that the fall is here again.

Eggs were quoted at 27 cents a dozen this morning. The supply is growing smaller every day. Diamonds as large as eggs have sometimes been found, but seldom have eggs been as dear as diamonds.

The price of poultry keeps up as well as the rest of the market. Turkeys are in greater demand and have increased in price. Twenty cents and over a pound was asked for chickens and ducks today.

Pan fish are the most plentiful kind of fish in the market at present. The fish market has not yet recovered from the effect of the storms, and prices are high. More Potomac bass are making their appearance on the benches; the fish are small, however, weighing about a pound and seldom as much as a pound and a half.

Bananas are now bringing 10 to 15 cents a dozen, according to size and quality. Peaches were 15 cents a small basket this morning, and about 40 cents a quarter of a peck. Cantaloupes are a little higher; it is probable they will remain about the same in price and quality until the season closes.

CHICAGO'S GREAT FIRE TO BE REPRODUCED

100 Tons of Red Light to Recall Greatest Event in City's History.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Committees in charge of Chicago's centennial celebration, which begins next Saturday, reported today that the preliminary details were virtually complete.

On Saturday night the centennial managers will give a reproduction of the burning of the city in 1871 in a unique display of red fire. One hundred tons of the inflammable material will blaze on the roofs of several scores of the tallest buildings in the downtown district and for thirty minutes the city will seem to be struggling with a disaster similar to that which resulted in almost total destruction thirty years ago.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDERS FOR PUBLIC WORK

The Commissioners issued the following orders this morning:

That sewer be constructed in U Street northwest, between a point 200 feet west of the west line of Thirty-seventh Street and the middle of Thirty-sixth Street, at an estimated cost of \$2,140.

That catch basin be constructed on the south side of Florida Avenue northeast, just east of the intersection of Florida Avenue and I Street; estimated cost, \$85.

That catch basin be constructed at the northeast corner of Sixteenth Street and Madison Street northwest; estimated cost, \$65.

That 631 feet, more or less, of 8-inch water main be laid in First Street, between C Street and Florida Avenue northeast, at an estimated cost of \$945.50.

That paving brick stored at Delaware Avenue and H Street northeast, be removed to other points of storage, on account of terminal railroad construction work; estimated cost \$400.

That the roadway of L Street northwest, between Eighth and Eleventh Streets, be resurfaced at an estimated cost of \$6,900.

ADDRESS TO LUTHERANS.

William C. Stoerer, of Philadelphia, president of the Luther League of America, will deliver an address at Zion's Lutheran Church, corner P and Sixth Streets northwest, this evening. The Luther Leagues of St. Mark's and St. John's Lutheran Churches, and all Lutheran young people's societies of other churches are invited to be present. The Rev. Mr. Brothage will speak in German.

PROMOTIONS IN ARMY.

First Lieut. Chalmers G. Hall, Fifth Cavalry, was today promoted to captain and detailed as paymaster. Second Lieut. Robert M. Barton, Ninth Cavalry, was promoted to first lieutenant.

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ARMS OF THE FILIPINOS AT NATIONAL MUSEUM

Fine Collection Sent by Surgeon Robert Blaine Grubb.

Dr. Robert Blaine Grubb, U. S. A., who recently returned from the Philippines after a term of service there, has sent to the National Museum a large and valuable collection of Philippine implements of war collected in the course of his service in the archipelago. For the present it will be impossible for the Museum authorities to place these articles on exhibition, but some months from now it is planned to put them on public view.

The Grubb collection consists of krisangs, talibongs, borangs and kampilangs which have been in actual use by members of the Sulu and Mindanao tribes. Several of the krisangs are representative works of art in their line and are inlaid with silver in fantastic designs. The borangs are also fine specimens, but a trifle less ornate.

Sent with this collection are two of the old Spanish helmets used by troops prior to the American intervention. They were originally silvered, but use has caused this outer covering to wear off, leaving only the base metal, brass. There are also in the collection two suits of Japanese armor, and some beautiful specimens of spears inlaid with silver.

MR. CORTELYOU'S VACATION.

Secretary Cortelyou, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is now at Niagara Falls. He will be absent from Washington ten days, and will visit Quebec and Montreal.

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